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## BOX PATENT APPLICATION

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RULE 1.53(b)

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a

☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-Part

application of prior pending Application No. 08/862,389, filed May 23, 1997.

For (Title): AN INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS

By (Inventors): Yasuo KITSUGI, Akira OHMURA and Yousuke KOWNO

1. ☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached. The attached Declaration and Power of Attorney is:
- ☒ a. A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the parent application. (Used with the same or fewer inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application or (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter.)
- ☐ b. A new Declaration and Power of Attorney. (Used with the same, fewer or additional inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application, (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter, or (c) a new specification.)
2. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below:

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3. ☒ Check No. 110788 in the amount of \$726.00 to cover the filing fee is attached. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this sheet are attached.
4. ☐ Cancel claims \_\_\_\_\_ of the application before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is retained for filing purposes.

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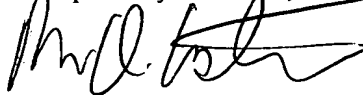
5. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

a1 --This is a ☒ Continuation ☐ Division ☐ Continuation-in-Part of Application No. 08/862,389 filed May 23, 1997. The entire disclosure of the prior application(s) is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.--

6. ☒ Formal drawings (Figs. 1-21) are attached.
7. ☒ Priority of foreign application No. 08-129556 filed May 24, 1996 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and/or §365(b).
- ☒ The certified copy was filed in prior Application No. 08/862,389 on July 23, 1997.
- ☐ A certified copy of the above foreign application(s) is filed herewith.
8. ☐ Priority of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
- ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
--This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_.--
9. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Nikon Corporation recorded at Reel 8588, Frame 0821.
10. ☐ This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application (37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)(1)). Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior application:  
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11. ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is attached. Claims added by this Amendment are properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claim in the application.
12. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is attached.
13. ☐ Small entity status:  
☐ a. A small entity statement is attached.  
☐ b. A small entity statement was filed in the parent application and such status is still proper and desired.  
☐ c. Small entity status is no longer claimed.
14. ☒ Other: Petition for Extension of Time; Request for Approval of Drawing Correction with Fig. 6
15. ☒ The power of attorney in the application is to James A. Oliff, Registration No. 27,075, William P. Berridge, Registration No. 30,024, Kirk M. Hudson, Registration No. 27,562, Thomas J. Pardini, Registration No. 30,411, Edward P. Walker, Registration No. 31,450, Robert A. Miller, Registration No. 32,771, Mario A. Costantino, Registration No. 33,565, and/or Stephen J. Roe, Registration No. 34,463.  
☒ a. The power appears in the attached Declaration and Power of Attorney.  
☐ b. Since the power does not appear in the attached Declaration and Power of Attorney, a substitute Power of Attorney is also attached.
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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CORRECTION

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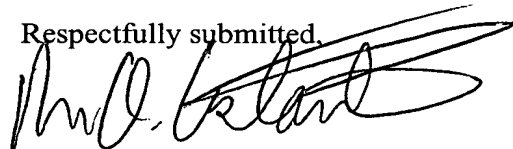
Sir:

The Examiner is requested to review and approve the proposed correction to Figure 6, marked in red on the attached copy of such drawing figure.

Upon approval by the Examiner, and upon allowance of this application, the formal drawings will be corrected.

Approved  
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